

**Tonya Phillips Staples returns to The Winter Park Playhouse Cabaret Stage at Orlando Shakes to Sing Her New Solo Cabaret - *Blues, Jazz and Soul* - April 22 and 23, 2026**

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**Photo: Tonya Phillips Staples**

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Tonya Phillips Staples is back on the cabaret stage at The Winter Park Playhouse with her latest solo cabaret *Blues, Jazz and Soul*. Joseph Jevanni will accompany on piano. The Playhouse cabarets are currently being performed in The Mandell Theater at Orlando Shakes located at 812 East Rollins Street Orlando FL 32803.

Join Tonya for a powerful cabaret filled with soul stirring classics as she take audiences on a journey through time performing hits like "Hound Dog," "Miss Celie's Blues," "Cry Me A River," "Give Me One Reason" and more!

Tonya Phillips Staples daughter of the late Reverend John P. Phillips and Doris Phillips, is a native of Winter Park, Florida. She earned her Bachelor's Degree in Music Education from Stetson University and along with English, sings in Italian, French, Spanish, and German. Accolades include first place excellence awards for both AKA Academy and the Orlando Opera Guild competitions. Tonya is also a former Miss Black Orlando.

As a musical theatre performer and featured vocalist who is well versed in jazz, R&B, soul, gospel and many other genres, Tonya has toured nationally and internationally. Her credits include *The Color Purple*, *Once on the Island*, and the national tour of *Beehive: The 60's Musical* and the original cast of *8-Track: The Sounds of the '70s* where she also served as choreographer.

Tonya is currently the director and choreographer for *Joyful! A Celebration of the Season* at Disney's EPCOT. She is a featured vocalist for Universal Studios and Walt Disney World and Disney Springs among others. She is an actress, arranger, songwriter, vocal instructor, voice over artist, praise & worship leader and motivational speaker.

"We are so happy to have Tonya back on our stage. She is an incredibly powerful performer with an engaging stage presence. Get your tickets early!" confirms Heather Alexander, Playhouse Executive Director.

Tickets are \$23 and are reserved seating. Doors open at 7 p.m. for a 7:30p.m. show. Tickets sell out quickly so call The Winter Park Playhouse box office for tickets at [407-645-0145](tel:407-645-0145) or purchase online at [www.winterparkplayhouse.org](http://www.winterparkplayhouse.org).

The live cabaret will be filmed and available to enjoy virtually Friday, May 8, 2026 through Monday, May 11, 2026. A private link will be sent at 5:00 pm on Friday, May 8, 2026 and will be valid for 3 days.. Virtual tickets are \$23 and can be purchased online or by calling the box office.

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